REMARKS

The application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated July 14, 2004. Claims 1-23 are pending, with claims 11-23 having been withdrawn by the Patent Office from consideration. Therefore, claims 1-10 are currently under examination, with claims 1 and 6 being in independent form. By this Amendment, claims 3 and 8 have been amended to place the claims in better form for examination and to clarify the claimed invention.

Claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as allegedly indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

By this Amendment, claims 3 and 8 have been amended to place the claims in better form for examination.

Claims 1 and 6 have been amended to clarify that a selected aspect of information regarding the electronic transaction is automatically identified in communication between the user-side and the supplier-side, without reliance on user action. That is, no user action is needed to trigger the automatic identification (since the communication between the user-side and the supplier-side is monitored). After the selected aspect of information is automatically identified a print request is generated.

Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph is requested.

Claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as purportedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,892,824 to Beatson et al.

Applicant has carefully considered the Examiner's comments and the cited

art, and respectfully submits that independent claims 1 and 6 are patentable over the cited art, for at least the following reasons.

This application relates to automatically printing of hard copy of transaction information relating to a transaction conducted electronically between a user-side and a supplier side. As discussed in the Background section of the application, conventional techniques for generating a record of an electronic transaction between a user-side and a supplier side typically require the user manually requests through a computer or terminal that a printed record be generated. Alternatively, a printout is generated at the supplier side and then mailed to the user.

In contrast, the claimed invention provides for automatically identifying, without reliance on user action, a selected aspect of information regarding the electronic transaction, in communication between the user-side and the supplier-side, and after automatically identifying the selected aspect of information generating a print request.

The cited art does not disclose or suggest the claimed invention.

Beatson, as understood by Applicant, is directed to signature capture and verification in a point-of-sales system. In particular, Beatson purports to disclose techniques for reliably verifying a customer's signature, after the signature is entered by the customer at the point of sales (for example, checkout counter at retail store) and captured by a conventional electronic transaction component of the point-of-sales system. In the system of Beatson, the store clerk controls the electronic transaction device to print out a paper receipt, and places the printed receipt on a signature device (i.e. tablet) for the customer to sign. As the customer signs the printed receipt (over the signature device), the signature device captures

an electronic image of the customer's handwritten signature and stores it in memory.

Applicant finds no disclosure or suggestion in Beatson, however, of automatically identifying, without reliance on user action, a selected aspect of information regarding the electronic transaction, in communication between the user-side and the supplier-side, and after automatically identifying the selected aspect of information generating a print request, as provided by the claimed invention dsecribed in independent claims 1 and 6 as amended.

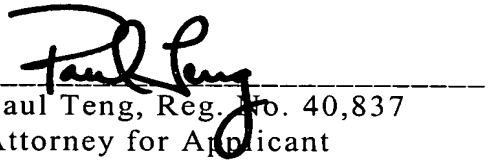
Since the cited art does not disclose or suggest each and every feature of the claimed invention, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1 and 6, and the claims depending therefrom, are patentable over the cited art.

If a petition for an extension of time is required to make this response timely, this paper should be considered to be such a petition. The Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required in connection with this amendment and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

Allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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